

## Types of Keystone Questions

Anchor 1: Reading for Meaning (Fiction and Non-Fiction)	
Descriptor:	Sample Questions:
1. Author's Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the author's purpose in writing the passage?</li> <li>Which addition to the passage could best support the author's purpose?</li> <li>Read the sentence from the poem/passage? How does the poets use of personification help communicate an idea in the poem?</li> </ul>
2. Vocabulary in Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which word is a synonym/antonym for...</li> <li>The prefix "in-" helps the reader know that "inexplicable" means</li> <li>Read the sentence from the passage What does the word _____ mean as used in the sentence?</li> <li>Read the sentence from the passage. Which feeling is being suggested by the use of the word _____?</li> </ul>
3. Reading Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on information in the passage (main ides, supporting details, summarization)</li> <li>Read the incomplete summary of the passage. Which sentence best completes the summary?</li> </ul>

Anchor 2: Analyzing & Interpreting Literature (Fiction and Non-Fiction unless otherwise indicated)	
Descriptor:	Sample Questions:
1. Interpretation of literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does ____ most likely do at the end of the passage after _____?</li> <li>Read the statement from the passage. Explain the significance of this statement to the passage. Use information from the passage to support your explanation.</li> <li>Which sentence from the passage best supports the generalization that beauty comes in many forms?</li> </ul>
2. Comparing, analyzing, and evaluating literary forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does the authors' use of fiction as a literary form influence the meaning of the passage?</li> <li>Which characteristic of the passage best indicates to readers that it is fiction rather than informational nonfiction?</li> <li>In which way are the poem and the passage similar?</li> <li>How does the reader know that the passage is narrative prose rather than drama?</li> </ul>
3. Comparing, analyzing, and evaluating literary elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compare, analyze and evaluate LITERARY ELEMENTS</li> <li>Which word best describes Maria in the passage?</li> <li>Which sentence best describes the relationship of the setting to the plot in the passage?</li> <li>Which sentence from the passage best represents the conflict?</li> <li>Which universal theme is most reflected in the passage?</li> <li>How does the author's style help to create the mood of the passage?</li> <li>Why is an omniscient narrator is most likely used to describe events in the passage?</li> </ul>
4. Interpreting and analyzing the significance of writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the passage, which American cultural idea is most emphasized?</li> </ul>
5. Identifying and analyzing literary moves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the effect of the imagery used to describe Javier's clothes?</li> <li>What is the rhyme scheme of the first stanza of the poem?</li> <li>Which stage directions from the passage best reveals insight into James' personality?</li> </ul>
6. Identifying and analyzing text organization (non-fiction only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does the chart help to clarify information in the passage?</li> </ul>
7. Identifying and analyzing essential and nonessential information (non-fiction only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the main organizational structure of the passage?</li> <li>Which sentence from the passage contains an opinion?</li> <li>Which detail is least essential to the overall understanding of the passage?</li> <li>Why does the author use a personal anecdote about failure?</li> </ul>